



Project Fact Sheet

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Bayou Meto Basin, AR

PROJECT AUTHORITY: Flood Control Act of 1950, Section 204, (authorized construction for Grand Prairie Region and Bayou Meto Basin, AR); project deauthorized pursuant to the provisions of WRDA 1986, Section 1001(b); conditionally reauthorized by WRDA 1996, Section 363, subject to a determination of implementability by the Secretary of the Army.

PROJECT SPONSORS: Arkansas Natural Resources Commission & Bayou Meto Water Management District

PROJECT LOCATION: The project is located in Lonoke, Prairie, Pulaski, Jefferson, and Arkansas Counties in east-central Arkansas.

PROJECT PURPOSE: Flood control, groundwater protection and conservation, agricultural water supply, and waterfowl management and restoration.

PROJECT FEATURES: Project features include diversion of excess water from the Arkansas River with delivery through a system of new canals, existing streams, and pipelines to the water depleted areas; channel improvements, control structures, and a pumping station that will reduced flooding and provide for water management; waterfowl management and restoration features.

PROJECT COSTS:	PED	Construction
Estimated Federal Cost	\$ 17,775,000	\$372,712,000
Estimated Non-Federal Cost	\$ 550,000	\$204,137,000
Total Estimated Cost	\$ 18,528,000	\$576,849,000

- PED is currently being funded at 100 percent Federal. Non-Federal share will be recouped during construction, per language in FY 1998 Appropriations.
- Local interests provided funds in the amount of \$550,000 in May 2002 via a volunteer PED agreement to expedite study completion.
- Project cost estimate is currently being refined as part of the reevaluation effort.
- PED cost is included in the estimated cost for construction.

PROJECT BUDGET/SCHEDULE: Congress added \$1,640,000 in FY 06. These funds will be used to complete the general reevaluation and initiate plans and specifications for the first item of work. The draft General Reevaluation Report/EIS is scheduled to be released for public review in December 2005. The final General Reevaluation Report/EIS is scheduled for April 2006 with a ROD signed in August 2006. It is anticipated that the Secretary could approve the waterfowl and water supply components of the project for construction in August 2006, pursuant to Section 363 of WRDA 1996. The flood control component is within the discretionary authority of the Chief of Engineers to approve and this approval is expected to occur at this same time. Flood damage prevention and waterfowl management, (Corps high priority outputs), provide significant project benefits. \$7,500,000 is the project capability for FY 07. These funds could be used to initiate construction for agricultural water supply, flood control, waterfowl management, and on-farm features of the project.

ISSUES: Project has not been included in the President's Budget request and is dependent on congressional adds.